



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday, September 9, 2021

TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, ISSUED MARCH 17, 2020, THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING. NO PHYSICAL LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT ACCESS TO THE MEETING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE DIAL-IN TO THE TELECONFERENCE BETWEEN 12:20 AND 12:30 USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

### **TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION**

United States: **(571) 317-3116**

United States (Toll Free): (866) 899-4679

**Access Code: 419-575-501**

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve *August 12, 2021 Minutes*
5. Public Comment: *Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed five minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission.*
6. New/Continuing Business/Action Items
  - 6.1. Shared Adventures Mural Dedication at Ramsey Park
  - 6.2. Scotts Valley Palo Alto Medical Foundation Urgent Care Clinic Closure
  - 6.3. Adaptive Swim Program Community Survey
7. Commission Reports
  - 7.1. History Report
  - 7.2. Legislation Report
    - 7.2.1. Assembly Bill 361
8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates
  - 8.1. Recreation Subcommittee
9. Staff Report
10. Emerging Matters
11. Adjournment

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 12:30 – 2:00 PM

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, August 12, 2021  
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: Remote Meeting  
PRESENT: John Daugherty (1<sup>st</sup> District), Stacie Grijalva (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Becky Taylor (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (Vice Chair - 4<sup>th</sup> District), Michael Leimbach (4<sup>th</sup> District), David Molina (Chair - 5<sup>th</sup> District), Lynn Stipes (5<sup>th</sup> District)  
EXCUSED: Robert Schindler (1<sup>st</sup> District), Richard Gubash (3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Coordinator)  
GUESTS: 1 member of the public was present.

1. Call to Order  
Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve June 10, 2021 Minutes  
**Motion to Approve Minutes**  
Motion/Second: Daugherty/ Gutierrez Baeza  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
5. Public Comment  
Commission reviewed a letter from the public regarding the planned closure of the PAMF Urgent Care Clinic serving Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley. Topic will be researched and brought to the September meeting.
6. New/Continuing Business: None
7. Commission Reports:
  - 7.1. History Report: No Report
  - 7.2. Legislation Report:  
Commission discussed California legislation including Covid-testing and/or vaccinations for health care workers, emergency responders and teachers. If the remote meeting exception is not extended beyond September 30<sup>th</sup>, the October meeting will need to take place in-person. Staff will research outdoor meeting options.

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee

8.1.1. Molina is preparing a draft adaptive swim program survey to gauge public interest in the program. Parks staff will be available to resume this project in the Fall.

8.1.2. Gutierrez Baeza reported that Shared Adventures will be unveiling a mural on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at Ramsey park near the future location of an inclusive playground. County Park Friends will host a community festival in August with activities (including accessible bocci ball), at Felt Street Park in Watsonville. Gutierrez Baeza will staff a table with Commission outreach materials.

9. Staff Report

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Survey and the Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan are both under review by Personnel senior management.

10. Emerging Matters:

Commissioners are encouraged to vote on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*

# Shared Adventures Mural Dedication

October 16--Ramsey Park, Watsonville



**LA AVENTURA ES PARA TODOS - ADVENTURE IS FOR EVERYONE**

## Wall of Fame: Santa Cruz County Athletic Heroes



**Claudio Morales - Adaptive Surfing League,  
World Champion, 2020**



**Sebastian DeFrancesca - US Paralympics Team,  
Table Tennis, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000**



**Monica Bascio - US Paralympics Team,  
Nordic Skiing, 2006, 2010, 2014, Cycling, 2012**



**Trooper Johnson - US Paralympic Basketball Team,  
1992, 1996, 2000, 2004**

# **Shared Adventures Mural Dedication**

**October 16, 2021--Ramsey Park, Watsonville**

**2:00 pm**  
**Speakers**

**Daryl Wise**  
**Shared Adventures/Friends of Watsonville Parks**

**Jimmy Dutra**  
**Mayor, Watsonville**

**Foster Andersen**  
**Shared Adventures**

**Claudio Morales**  
**surfer athlete**

**Nick Calubaquib**  
**Director, Parks & Community Services, Watsonville**

**Brenda Gutierrez**  
**Commission on Disabilities**

**Nallely Martinez**  
**Santa Cruz Arts Council**

**3:00**  
**Reception**

Courtesy of Friends of Watsonville Parks,  
Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities, and Shared Adventures



Mural production team:  
Stacey Gentry --Photoshop Artist  
Mardeen Gordon—Fabricator  
Anastasia Torres-Gil—Design Artist  
Daryl Wise—Production Coordinator  
Steve Miller—Project designer

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For information on Shared Adventures and  
the monthly calendar of activities, see **SharedAdventures.org**

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Other Disability Awareness Month events:

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As part of our commitment to providing safe, personal, affordable care, we regularly assess our service offerings to better steward our resources and meet the changing needs of our patient population.



On Aug. 30, 2021, the Scotts Valley Urgent Care will transition to providing primary and pediatric care by appointment only and the Westside Urgent Care will reopen.

We will continue to meet patient demand for time-sensitive care at the Scotts Valley Center by offering same day appointments, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For night and weekend needs, patients and families have several nearby urgent and walk-in care options from which to choose, including the expanded services available at Westside Urgent Care, located just 6 miles from the Scotts Valley Center.

In addition to enhancing our ability to provide safe, quality care that supports the needs of our changing patient population while being good stewards of our resources, this transition will also allow us to expand primary and pediatric care capacity at the Scotts Valley Center by recruiting additional physicians to join the six care providers who currently practice at this location.

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The Sutter Westside Center Urgent Care, at 1301 Mission St., Santa Cruz, had closed temporarily in November 2020. Customers before the closure reported on Yelp the facility had plenty of parking.

For those willing to pay out of network, Kaiser Permanente Urgent Care in Scotts Valley has been open since January 2017.

A Kaiser Permanente spokesperson reports Urgent Care is available at 5615 Scotts Valley Drive in Scotts Valley, Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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## Simpkins Family Swim Center Adaptive Swim Program Community Survey

Name: (optional)

District: (optional)

Telephone: (optional)

- 1) Do you or any members of your family currently use Simpkins Family Swim Center?
- 2) Do you or any members of your family have disabilities (including disabilities that can result in elopement issues) that could be served by an adaptive swim program?
- 3) Do you have water safety concerns for yourself or any members of your family because of your/their disabilities?
- 4) Do you use or have you used; the adaptive swim equipment (e.g., water wheelchair, accessible pool lifts, etc.) available at Simpkins Family Swim Center?
  - a) If so, please describe your experience:
- 5) Would you or any members of your family be likely to participate in an Adaptive Swim Program at Simpkins Family Swim Center?
- 6) Please select all of the Adaptive Swim Program elements that you or members of your family with disabilities would find useful:
  - a) Basic water safety seminars for people with disabilities and their families
  - b) Low stimulation swim hours for people with disabilities and their families
  - c) Educational information about Simpkins Family Swim Center adaptive swim equipment and accessibility features
  - d) Private adaptive swim lessons for people with disabilities
  - e) Group adaptive swim lessons for adults with disabilities
  - f) Group adaptive swim lessons for children with disabilities and their parents/guardians
- 7) Simpkins Center currently has 3 pools. Please select the one you or any members of your family who have disabilities would be most likely to use:
  - a) 78 degree Fahrenheit pool
  - b) 88 degree Fahrenheit pool
  - c) Unheated wading pool
- 8) *(OPTIONAL) What disabilities does your family member have?*
- 9) *(OPTIONAL) Is one of the disabilities Autism?*



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THIRD READING

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Bill No: AB 361  
Author: Robert Rivas (D)  
Amended: 8/30/21 in Senate  
Vote: 27 - Urgency

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SENATE GOVERNANCE & FIN. COMMITTEE: 5-0, 7/1/21  
AYES: McGuire, Nielsen, Durazo, Hertzberg, Wiener

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: 10-0, 7/13/21  
AYES: Umberg, Borgeas, Caballero, Durazo, Gonzalez, Hertzberg, Jones, Laird,  
Skinner, Wieckowski  
NO VOTE RECORDED: Stern

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 62-4, 5/17/21 - See last page for vote

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**SUBJECT:** Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences

**SOURCE:** California Special Districts Association

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**DIGEST:** This bill allows local agencies to use teleconferencing without complying with specified Brown Act restrictions in certain state emergencies.

*Senate Floor Amendments of 8/30/21 add an urgency clause and address chaptering issues.*

**ANALYSIS:**

Existing law:

- 1) Guarantees in Article I, Section 3 of the California Constitution that the people have the right to instruct their representatives, petition government for redress of grievances, assemble freely to consult for the common good, which includes a right to access information concerning the meetings and writings of public officials.

- 2) Requires local agencies to comply with certain state laws that outline the basic requirements for public access to meetings and public records. If a subsequent bill modifies these laws, it must include findings demonstrating how it furthers the public's access to local agencies and their officials.
- 3) Enacts the Ralph M. Brown Act, which outlines how local agencies must hold public meetings.
- 4) Requires local agencies to notice meetings in advance, including the posting of an agenda, and requires these meetings to be open and accessible to the public.
- 5) Requires members of the public to have an opportunity to comment on agenda items, and generally prohibits deliberation or action on items not listed on the agenda.
- 6) Defines a "meeting" as any congregation of a majority of the member of a legislative body at the same time and location, including teleconference locations, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.
- 7) Provides that, if a member of the public, including the respective district attorney, believes a local agency violated the Brown Act, it must first send an order to the local agency to correct the violation. If the local agency disagrees with the complaint and does not correct it, the submitter can pursue the complaint through the courts. If the court agrees with the complaint, outcomes range from invalidating certain actions of the local agency to a misdemeanor criminal conviction.
- 8) Allows the legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding must comply with all requirements of the Brown Act and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding. Teleconferencing may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting must be taken by rollcall.
- 9) Provides that, if a legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it must post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the public. Each teleconference location must be

identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location must be accessible to the public.

- 10) Requires that, during the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body must participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, with specified exceptions. The agenda must provide an opportunity for members of the public at each teleconference location to address the legislative body directly pursuant to the Brown Act's provisions governing public comment.
- 11) Enacts the Emergency Services Act (ESA), which gives the Governor the authority to proclaim a state of emergency in an area affected or likely to be affected by a disaster, when requested to do so by a designated local government official, or if the Governor finds that local authority is inadequate to cope with the emergency. Local governments may also issue local emergency proclamations, which are a prerequisite for requesting the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency.
- 12) Provides that, during a proclaimed state of emergency, the Governor has additional specified powers, including to expend any appropriation for support of the ESA in order to carry out its provisions, as well as the authority to make, amend, and rescind orders and regulations necessary to carry out the ESA.

This bill:

- 1) Allows local agencies to use teleconferencing without complying with certain Brown Act teleconferencing requirements, including to (a) provide a teleconference location accessible to the public, (b) have at least a quorum of members participating within the jurisdiction, and (c) provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body at each teleconference location, if:
  - a) State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing;
  - b) The legislative body is meeting for purpose of determining, by majority vote, that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees as a result of the emergency; or
  - c) The legislative body has already determined, by majority vote, that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees as a result of the emergency.

- 2) Provides that, if a local legislative body determines that it is entitled to use this bill's exemption to the Brown Act, the local legislative body must:
  - a) Notice the meeting and post agendas as the Brown Act requires;
  - b) Allow the public to access the meeting, and require that the agenda provide an opportunity for the public to directly address the legislative body pursuant to the Brown Act's other teleconferencing provisions;
  - c) In each instance when the local agency provides notice of the teleconferenced meeting or posts its agenda, give notice for how the public can access the meeting and provide public comment;
  - d) Identify and include in the agenda an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in or an internet-based service option; the legislative body need not provide a physical location for the public to attend or provide comments;
  - e) Conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the public;
  - f) Stop the meeting until public access is restored in the event of a service disruption that (i) prevents the local agency from broadcasting the meeting to the public using the call-in or internet-based service option, or (ii) is within the local agency's control and prevents the public from submitting public comments. Any actions taken during such a service disruption can be challenged under the Brown Act's existing challenge provisions;
  - g) Not require comments be submitted in advance (though the legislative body may provide that as an option), and provide the opportunity to comment in real time; and
  - h) Provide adequate time for public comment, either by establishing a timed public comment period or by allowing a reasonable amount of time to comment. If the legislative body uses a third-party website or platform to host the teleconference, and the third-party service requires users to register to participate, the legislative body must provide adequate time during the comment period for users to register, and may not close the registration comment period until the comment period has elapsed.
- 3) Provides that, if the state emergency remains active for more than 30 days, a local agency must make the following findings by majority vote every 30 days to continue using the bill's exemption to the Brown Act teleconferencing rules:

- a) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the emergency;
- b) Either of the following circumstances exist:
  - i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person.
  - ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend social distancing measures.
- 4) Provides relevant definitions and findings and declaration relating to the intent to expand access to public meetings during emergencies.
- 5) Provides that the bill's provisions sunset on January 1, 2024.
- 6) Provides that, in order to ensure that local agencies can continue holding public meetings while providing essential services during states of emergencies, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

## **Background**

In March 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20, which stated that:

Notwithstanding any other provision of state or local law (including, but not limited to, the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act), and subject to the notice and accessibility requirements set forth below, a local legislative body or state body is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body or state body. All requirements in both the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act expressly or impliedly requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the body, or of the public as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting are hereby waived...All of the foregoing provisions concerning the conduct of public meetings shall apply only during the period in which state or local public health officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures.

On June 11, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21 notifying local agencies and the public that previous executive orders concerning the conduct of public meetings apply through September 30, 2021.

## Comments

- 1) *Purpose of the bill.* According to the author, “When the COVID-19 pandemic started, local agency boards struggled to conduct their meetings in compliance with the Brown Act’s requirements while still abiding by stay-at-home orders. As a result, Governor Newsom issued an executive order (EO) to grant local agencies the flexibility to meet remotely during the pandemic. However, once the Governor’s EO expires, these flexibilities will not apply to future emergencies like wildfires, floods, toxic leaks, or other events that make in-person gatherings dangerous. Local agencies will again struggle to provide essential services like water, power, and fire protection at a time when constituents will need those services the most. AB 361 will guarantee that local boards do not have to rely on an executive order from the Governor to serve their communities remotely during future emergencies. This bill will also provide the opportunity for public to join via telephone or video conference to ensure that all members of the public can participate safely.”
- 2) *Let the dust settle?* Soon after the start of the pandemic, the Governor’s executive order provided local agencies the flexibility they wanted to continue their business, while still providing opportunities for the public to participate via teleconference services. While local agencies have until the end of September 2021 to use this flexibility, the calls to amend the Brown Act came immediately. Local agencies found the flexibility teleconferencing provides useful, especially for members who had to travel to long distances to attend meetings. Members of the public who previously were unable to attend meetings could now call in and provide comments, bringing new voices into local agency meetings. However, at this point limited data and information has been collected to determine if, and how, the Brown Act should be amended to provide more flexibility for local agencies and the public. Despite the limited information available, AB 361 seeks to expand local agencies ability to use teleconferencing in future emergencies. Should the Legislature wait to make significant changes to the Brown Act until the pandemic is over and more information is available?
- 3) *The calls are coming from inside the house.* The Brown Act enshrines the ability for the public to directly address their public officials. Under the Governor’s COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, members could not safely participate from traditional meeting rooms, nor was it safe to invite members of the public to physical meeting locations. So, many local officials participated from their homes. If members of a legislative body conduct meetings from their private residences, what level of access should the public

have? Some advocates have argued that elected officials should be allowed to participate from their private residences without giving the public direct access to their homes, but advocate for other forms of access, such as the disclosure of the addresses elected officials will participate from; a proposal some local government groups have said raises security concerns for their members. Additionally, some have advocated for mandatory video services so that the public can not only hear, but also watch, their local officials in action to verify that their participation is transparent and without undue influence. If more meetings continue to happen from private residences and other locations where the public does not have direct access, what level of protection should the public have to ensure public officials act responsibly?

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 8/31/21)

California Special Districts Association (source)  
Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District  
Alpine Fire Protection District  
Association of California Healthcare Districts  
Association of California Water Agencies  
Association of Environmental Professionals  
Auburn Area Recreation and Park District  
Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency  
Big Lagoon Community Services District  
Biola Community Services District  
Cal Voices  
Calaveras Public Utility District  
California Airports Council  
California Association of Joint Powers Authorities  
California Association of Public Authorities for IHSS  
California Downtown Association  
California Municipal Utilities Association  
California State Association of Counties  
California Travel Association  
Camarillo Health Care District  
Cameron Estates Community Services District  
Cameron Park Community Services District  
City of Carlsbad  
City of Foster City  
City of Lafayette

City of Redwood City  
City of Walnut Creek  
Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District  
Costa Mesa Sanitary District  
County of Monterey  
Cucamonga Valley Water District  
Disability Rights California  
Eastern Municipal Water District  
Ebbetts Pass Fire District  
Eden Township Healthcare District dba Eden Health District  
El Dorado Hills Community Services District  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
Fallbrook Regional Health District  
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
Fresno Mosquito and Vector Control District  
Grizzly Flats Community Services District  
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District  
Hornbrook Community Services District  
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District  
Humboldt Community Services District  
Jackson Valley Irrigation District  
Keyes Community Service District  
Kinneloa Irrigation District  
League of California Cities  
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti  
Mammoth Community Water District  
Meeks Bay Fire Protection District  
Mesa Water District  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Mountain Counties Water Resources Association  
Mt. View Sanitary District  
Murphys Fire Protection District  
Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District  
North County Fire Protection District  
North Tahoe Fire Protection District  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
Orange County Employees Association  
Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission  
Orange County Water District



Palmdale Water District  
Palos Verdes Library District  
Rancho Rinconada Recreation & Park District  
Reclamation District No. 1000  
Rural County Representatives of California  
Sacramento Suburban Water District  
San Diego County Water Authority  
Saratoga Fire District  
Southern California Regional Rail Authority  
Southern California Water Coalition  
Stege Sanitary District  
Tahoe Resource Conservation District  
Templeton Community Services District  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District  
Truckee Fire Protection District  
Urban Counties of California  
Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District  
Vista Fire Protection District  
Vista Irrigation District  
Water Replenishment District of Southern California  
Western Municipal Water District  
Zach Hilton, Member, Gilroy City Council

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 8/31/21)

ACLU California Action  
ACT for Women and Girls  
California Environmental Justice Alliance  
Californians Aware  
First Amendment Coalition  
Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association  
Together We Will/Indivisible – Los Gatos

**ASSEMBLY FLOOR:** 62-4, 5/17/21

**AYES:** Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Bloom, Boerner  
Horvath, Burke, Carrillo, Cervantes, Chau, Chiu, Choi, Cooley, Cooper,  
Cunningham, Daly, Frazier, Friedman, Gallagher, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo  
Garcia, Gipson, Lorena Gonzalez, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer,  
Kiley, Lackey, Lee, Levine, Low, Maienschein, Mathis, McCarty, Medina,

Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, O'Donnell, Petrie-Norris, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Reyes, Luz Rivas, Robert Rivas, Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Seyarto, Stone, Ting, Villapudua, Voepel, Waldron, Ward, Akilah Weber, Wicks, Rendon

NOES: Bigelow, Megan Dahle, Davies, Nguyen

NO VOTE RECORDED: Calderon, Chen, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gray, Kalra, Mayes, Patterson, Smith, Valladares, Wood

Prepared by: Jonathan Peterson / GOV. & F. / (916) 651-4119

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**\*\*\*\* END \*\*\*\***



**California Special Districts Association**  
*Districts Stronger Together*



**ACHD**  
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA  
HEALTHCARE DISTRICTS



association of california  
school administrators



California County Superintendents  
Educational Services Association



**CMUA**  
CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
ASSOCIATION



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**AB 361 (R. Rivas) – “AYE” VOTE REQUESTED**

Remote Meetings During State-Declared Emergencies

**URGENCY MEASURE - 2/3 Vote Required**

The organizations shown on the reverse are pleased to support Assembly Bill 361 (R. Rivas) and urge you to vote “Aye” on this measure. AB 361 would allow local agencies to continue to provide essential local services during times of emergency by permitting them to meet remotely under modified Brown Act requirements.

**Allows Local Agencies to Continue to Meet, Provide Essential Local Services During State Emergencies**

If passed by the Legislature, AB 361 would do the following:

- While maintaining transparency and public access, local agencies would be able to meet remotely during a declared state of emergency
- While agencies would still be required to post agendas and meeting information, agencies would not be required to post meeting notices and/or agendas in physical locations when remotely meeting during an emergency
- While the public must continue to have access to the remote meeting and provided the ability to make public comment, agencies would not be required to make all remote meeting sites accessible to the public, nor include the remote location details in the meeting notice or agenda during a declared state of emergency
- Additionally, agency board members would not be required to be at remote sites within the territorial bounds of the agency during a declared state of emergency

This bill would provide local agencies with the means to act efficiently and effectively during emergency situations. For this reason, we urge your “Aye” vote on Assembly Bill 361 (R. Rivas).

Should you have any questions regarding our coalition’s position, please feel free to contact Marcus Detwiler (CSDA) at 916-442-7887.



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## Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified below, regularly scheduled Commission on Disability meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursday\*  
MONTH: Every month except July and December  
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor - Redwood Conference Room  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 **unless held remotely**

**\*Unless noted otherwise below**

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at [www.scccod.net](http://www.scccod.net) as soon as information becomes available.

2021 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 14, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
February 11, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
March 11, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
April 8, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
May 13, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
June 10, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
August 12, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
September 9, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
October 14, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
<b>Wednesday*</b> November 10, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined